



**National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Superintendent's Compendium**  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other Restrictions  
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

Prince William Forest Park

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of those portions of Prince William Forest Park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

**I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:**

**Visiting Hours:**

All park areas including buildings, roads, trails, Special Use Permit Lands and other public use facilities and areas are closed during the hours of darkness (sundown to sunrise). Service employees conducting official business, researchers with valid permits, park residents, and invited guests and groups or persons legally camping are exempt. After dark, campers must restrict activities to their campgrounds and may use only those park roads that are necessary for access to those campgrounds.

**Public Use Limits:**

**Oak Ridge Campground:** Campsites are limited to six people. Sites in Loops A and B are limited to two tents and one dining canopy, or one recreational vehicle and one tent or one dining canopy. Sites in Loop C are limited to two tents and one dining canopy. In all sites, the total footprint of all tents and canopies shall not exceed 200 square feet.

Where tent pads are provided, they must be used.



	3, Unit B-2	10	3 p.m.	12 noon
	3, Unit B-3	10	3 p.m.	12 noon
Orenda, C unit	3, C unit	76	2 p.m.	12 noon
Pleasant	4	196	2 p.m.	12 noon
Happyland	5	208 summer 104 winter	3 p.m.	1 p.m.

### Stay Limitations:

**Oak Ridge Campground:** Campers may stay no longer than a total of 14 days in a calendar year (January through December).

**Travel Trailer Village:** Campers may stay no longer than a total of 28 days in a calendar year (January through December). During the period from May 1 through September 30, camping is limited to a total of 14 days.

**Turkey Run Ridge Campground:** Campers may stay no longer than a total of 14 days in a calendar year with no more than 7 consecutive days at any one time.

**Cabin Camps:** Overnight visits are limited to 14 days per year.

**Chopawamsic Backcountry Area:** Campers may stay no longer than a total of 14 days in a calendar year with no more than 7 consecutive days at any one time.

### Closures:

Except in an emergency, the following areas are closed to public access except for valid permit holders or registered guests, and persons conducting official business:

- Cabin Camp 1
- Cabin Camp 2
- Cabin Camp 3
- Cabin Camp 4
- Cabin Camp 5
- Employee Housing Areas
- Maintenance Facility
- Oak Ridge Campground
- Turkey Run Ridge Campground
- Travel Trailer Village
- Chopawamsic Backcountry Area

Chopawamsic Backcountry Area may be closed without notice due to emergency conditions.

Oak Ridge Campground will have Comfort Stations in A & C Loop closed from November 15 to April 15. Loop C will close to camping at this time.

Telegraph Picnic Area and Pavilion will close from November 15 to April 15.

Pine Grove Comfort Station will close from November 15 to April 15.

**(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:**

**Demonstrations and Special Events:**

Please refer to 36 CFR §7.96(g) for regulations regarding demonstrations and special events in the National Capitol Region.

**Camping:**

Please refer to §2.10 of this compendium for specific camping area designations.

**Swimming Beaches/Areas:**

In accordance with the provisions outlined in 36 CFR §3.21 (a)(2) of this compendium, the areas designated for swimming for permit holders are: Lakes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. *(Note: Lakes 2 and 5 are the same body of water; there are, however, two developed swimming areas in that lake. The developed swimming areas, 2 and 5, feature floating docks. )*

**Bicycle Use Areas/Routes:**

Bicycle use is limited to established public roads and unimproved roads. Hiking trails are closed to bicycle use. Resource sensitive areas may be temporarily closed to all modes of traffic on a case-by-case basis. (Ref. 36 CFR § 4.30)

## **II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

**(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:**

- §1.5(a)(1) Events that exceed established capacities of cabin camps, of buildings or parts thereof, or of pavilions.
- §2.1(a)(1)(iv) To include panning for gold or other minerals
- §2.1(a)(4) Collecting of wood/firewood, except in designated camping areas where wood less than 6 inches in diameter may be gathered for fuel
- §2.4(d) Archery (and is only permitted in cabin camp areas); or the use or possession of any weapon
- §2.5(a) Collection of any specimens for research or for any other purposes
- §2.10(a) All camping
- §2.10(a) Day or night use of Chopawamsic Backcountry Area
- §2.10(a) Use of cabin camps
- §2.12(a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
- §2.12(a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas.
- §2.12(a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.17(c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.22 Overnight parking in Picnic Areas or in any parking lots
- §2.23(b) Special recreation activities to include the rental of Telegraph Picnic Pavilion and Turkey Run Education Center: Geocaching, Letterboxing, archery and/or related activities
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62(b) Memorialization - (Scattering ashes from human or pet cremation)
- §3.3 Use of a vessel on park impoundments, except Breckenridge Reservoir
- §4.11(a) Exceeding established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Commercial Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.5(a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
- §5.5(b) Still photography of articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
- §7.96 (c) Flying model airplanes
- §7.96(g) Demonstrations and special events

### **III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

(a)(4) Wood within the park will not be cut, collected or removed for any reason, unless under an approved Special Use Permit. Wood less than 6 inches in diameter may be collected within Oak Ridge Campground, Turkey Run Campground and all Cabin Camps for use and consumption during a stay with a valid permit. Use of power tools such as chainsaws is prohibited.

(c) (1) Edible fruits, nuts, berries and mushrooms may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption. Possession quantities for edible mushrooms and unshelled nuts are limited to one quart per person. Possession quantities for fruits and berries are limited to one dry pint per person. Removal of fruits, nuts, berries and mushrooms cannot disturb the remainder of the plant.

(a)(1)(ii) Posting of signs, notices and similar devices shall not be attached to park vegetation.

(a)(6) Posting or attaching of signs to park cabins and related structures is prohibited as they are historic and cultural resources.

#### **36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

(a)(1) The tracking of wounded wildlife into the park, which was lawfully taken outside of park boundaries, is prohibited unless accompanied by a commissioned park ranger. The ranger on site may terminate the search if the animal is not located within a reasonable amount of time, determined by the ranger. Weapons are prohibited in the park.

(d) The transportation of lawfully taken wildlife through or into the park is prohibited.

(e) The viewing of wildlife by artificial light (spotlighting) is prohibited park-wide, except as unauthorized under a valid NPS research permit.

#### **36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING**

(d)(8) Fishing is in accordance with Virginia State Fishing Regulations with the following exceptions:

The following areas are closed year round to fishing except by permitted cabin campers:

Cabin Camp 1 frontage on Lake 1  
Cabin Camp 2 frontage on Lake 2  
Cabin Camp 4 frontage on Lake 4  
Cabin Camp 5 frontage on Lake 5

### **36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS**

**(d) A park-issued permit is required to possess a weapon, trap or net. The superintendent will only issue a permit to carry or possess a weapon, trap or net under the following circumstances:**

- (1) When necessary to support approved/permitted research activities.
- (2) For employees, agents or cooperating officials – for official duty.

### **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

**(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:**

Camping is allowed by permit only.

In Oak Ridge Campground, tents must be within the bordered site area or within 40 feet of the parking pad. Where provided, tents must be placed on the tent pads.

Turkey Run Ridge Group Campground is restricted to tent camping only and must be within the designated bordered areas.

In Oak Ridge Campground, sites A23, A25, C32 and C33 are designated sites for physically challenged visitors and are posted with the international handicap symbol. They may be occupied by physically challenged or by any visitor if all other sites in the campground are occupied.

Checkout time at Oak Ridge Campground and Turkey Run Ridge Campground is 12 o'clock noon and camping fees for an additional night must be paid by that time. Campers arriving after 12 o'clock noon are required to pay for the site and display their permit receipts on their site posts prior to setting up camp.

Vehicles in all park campgrounds are restricted to parking pads or designated parking lots.

Designated sites in Chopawamsic Backcountry Area are marked with a site post and tents must be pitched within twenty (20) feet of the post.

Permittees to the Chopawamsic backcountry must display a copy of their permit on the vehicle dashboard.

### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

**Areas Closed to Picnicking:** Picnicking is permitted in areas developed for public use in the park except in the following fee use areas: Oak Ridge, Turkey Run Ridge Campgrounds, and Travel Trailer Village Campgrounds; Cabin Camps; and Telegraph Pavilion when the pavilion is reserved {refer to Section 1.5(f)}.

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

#### **Designated Areas:**

In picnic areas, camping areas, and designated parking areas, contained fires are permitted in park-provided grills, camp stoves, and portable grills with lids only. Without prior written permission from the Superintendent, fires in cabin camps are allowed in council rings, fireplaces, and park-provided grills only.

#### **Receptacles Allowed:**

Fires in campgrounds must be contained within the grills provided or portable grills with lids only. Without prior written permission from the Superintendent, fires in cabin camps are allowed in council rings, fireplaces, and provided grills only.

#### **Established Conditions for Fires:**

Fires must be attended at all times.

**(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:**

Lanterns are not to be attached or hung from trees or other vegetation in any manner.

**(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

Fires must be completely out before departure.

**(c) High fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:**

During Virginia state-imposed burn bans and periods of high fire danger, open fires and charcoal fires are prohibited.



During Virginia state-imposed burn bans and periods of high fire danger, only self-contained gas or liquid fuel grills and stoves are permitted, provided their features allow them to be immediately shut off.

### **36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE**

**(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property may be allowed under the following conditions:**

The refuse is produced from a park employee or volunteer residing within the park.

**(a)(7) Disposing of fish remains in park waters is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) Pets (except for those aiding persons with disabilities) are not allowed in the Chopawamsic Backcountry Area, in Turkey Run Ridge Campground, in any public building or in any Cabin Camp.**

**(a)(5) Pet owners shall be responsible for removing pet excrement from campsites, picnic areas, parking lots, and other public use areas.**

**(a)(5)(e) Park employees and volunteers who reside in the park are permitted to own no more than 2 pets, excluding fish and birds or other small caged animals, under the following conditions:**

- The residence must not be shared with other non-family park employees.
- All other conditions set forth in §2.15 are adhered to.

### **36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

**(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals:**

*“Pack animal” means horses, burros, mules, or other hooved mammals.*

**(g) Use of horses and pack animals is prohibited park-wide.**

### **36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY**

**(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is allowed, subject to written authorizations from the superintendent, under the following terms and conditions:**

The superintendent or acting designee establishes procedures for the removal of an aircraft; establishes a timeframe for the removal; determines times and means of access to the site, and specifies the manner or method of removal.

### **36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES**

**(c) The use of snowmobiles is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES**

**(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, inner-tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:**

- Telegraph Road (when closed for winter storms)
- Telegraph Parking Area (when closed for winter storms)

*(Note: all other park-designated trails and fire roads are open to the above winter activities)*

**(b) The towing of persons on feet, skis, sled or other similar devices by motor vehicle is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES**

**The use of roller skates, skateboards, in-line skates, roller skis, scooters and similar coasting devices are prohibited park-wide.**

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) Smoking is prohibited in/at the following areas:**

All National Park Service office or storage buildings, and within 25 feet of any public entry way. This includes, but is not limited to, the Visitor Center porch, all Cabin Camp Dining Hall porches, and at all Comfort Stations.  
Government-owned or leased motor vehicles  
Fuel Storage Areas  
Fuel Filling Island  
All structures in the cabin camps

### **36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

**(a)(2) The following describes areas where property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours, and the conditions under which property may be left:**

Visitors on authorized backcountry trips to Chopawamsic are permitted to leave unattended vehicles in the Chopawamsic, Turkey Run Ridge, and Oak Ridge parking lots for the period specified on their permit. Permits must be displayed on vehicle dashboards.

Personal property may be left unattended at campgrounds for 24 hours without permission of the Superintendent but only with advance payment of that site for the unattended time.

Personal property and vehicles may not be left in parking areas overnight without a permit.

Only National Park Service approved “Geocache” or “Letterbox” sites are permitted. (Note: See the Visitor Center for coordinates for the approved Geocache site.) [Refer to Section 1.5(f)]

### **36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:**

#### **Entrance Fee Areas:**

As of July 1, 2004, park entrance fees are as follows:

\$5 per vehicle for a seven-day entrance pass

\$3 per person on foot or on bicycle for a three-day entrance pass

\$20 per vehicle for an annual park pass.

#### **Daily Site Use Fee Areas:**

Oak Ridge Campground is \$15.00 per site per day.

Turkey Run Ridge Campground is \$40.00 per site per day.

Telegraph Pavilion rental is \$80.00 per day.

Day use of the cabin camp dining halls is \$125.00 per day.

Turkey Run Education Center is \$50.00 per day

Camp Orenda (Cabin Camp 3) A- and B-units are rented by the individual cabin for family and small group use. For those cabins, rental rates are determined by cabin occupancy:

Cabins that sleep 4 are \$30.00 per night.

Cabins that sleep 6 are \$40.00 per night.  
Cabins that sleep 10 are \$50.00 per night.

Group Camp reservations for the following cabin camps require a non-refundable \$25 application fee per application in addition to overnight use fees:

Camp Goodwill (Cabin Camp 1) rental is \$305.00 per night.  
Camp Mawavi (Cabin Camp 2) rental is \$300.00 per night.  
Camp Orenda (Cabin Camp 3) C-unit rental is \$170.00 per night.  
Camp Pleasant (Cabin Camp 4) rental is \$330.00 per night.  
Camp Happyland (Cabin Camp 5) rental is \$400.00 per night.

**Group Activity, Recreation Event or other Specialized Recreation Use Fees:**

Park management reserves the right to assess special event fees for events requiring, by park management's determination, extra park personnel to ensure public safety, resource protection, or provide traffic control. The event fees will cover the additional personnel costs associated with the event. (Ref. §71.2 (c))

**(c) The collection of entrance fees will be suspended during the following periods:**

- As designated by the Superintendent.

**36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:**

Turkey Run Ridge Group Campground  
Swimming Pool at the Travel Trailer Village  
All Picnic Areas  
All Pavilions  
All Parking Lots  
All Public Buildings and Facilities except permitted users of cabin camps  
All Streams, Ponds, and Lakes  
All Trails  
All Roads

### **36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

**(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains in the following areas, and/or according to the following terms and conditions:**

The scattering of human or pet ashes from cremation is allowed pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit as outlined below:

- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.
- The scattering of remains from the air is to be performed at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.
- No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.

### **36 CFR §3.3 – VESSEL PERMITS**

(The term “vessel” means every type or description of craft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transporting on water, including a buoyant device permitting or capable of free flotation.)

Permits are required for the use of a vessel within the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

**(a) Vessel use is allowed by cabin camp groups only with a Certified Water Safety Instructor present. Water Safety Instructors must be identified on the camping permit. This certification must be forwarded to the park superintendent prior to water activities.**

All other vessel use on lakes 1-5 is by permit only.

### **36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING**

**(a)(2) The following restrictions apply to all swimming and bathing activities:**

Swimming is prohibited in Lakes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, except by permitted cabin camp groups with a certified lifeguard present. Lifeguards must be identified on the camping permit, and proof of certification submitted to the park in advance. *(Note: Lakes 2 and 5 are the same body of water; there are, however, two developed swimming areas in that lake. The developed swimming areas, numbered 2 and 5, feature floating docks. )*

Swimming at the Travel Trailer Village pool is restricted to registered guests only.

Approved swimming diapers must be worn by all age appropriate children utilizing the pool at Travel Trailer Village.

All other swimming use on lakes 1-5 is by permit only.

**(b) Glass containers are prohibited at all swimming areas.**

### **36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES**

**(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle, are those indicated in the following publication:**

- The Prince William Forest Park color brochure, official publication of the National Park Service.

### **36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS**

**(a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:**

Operating vehicles on park roads in excess of 10 tons gross weight and 32 feet in overall length is prohibited. Operating trailers in excess of 26 feet is prohibited. Service, emergency and contracting vehicles are exempt from this restriction with prior permission from the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

**(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:**

- 15 mph at Park Entrance Road, at the Park Entrance Station and on roads in congested areas such as in cabin camps.
- 25 mph on Scenic Drive Road along winding stretches, in congested areas, and on all gravel roads not otherwise posted.
- Maximum posted speed limit on all paved roads is 35 mph unless otherwise posted.

### **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES**

**(a) Bicycle use is limited to established public roads, parking areas, and unimproved roads. Unimproved roads open for travel to bicycles are designated in the Prince William Forest Park color brochure, official publication of the National Park Service. Bicycles are prohibited on trails.**